

PARSHAT
VAYAKHEL-PEKUDEI

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Parsha Questions:

VAYAKHEL:



1. On which day did Moshe assemble the Jewish People?
2. Why is the prohibition against doing work on Shabbat written prior to the instruction for building the Mishkan?
3. Why does the Torah specify the particular prohibition of lighting a fire on Shabbat right after it had already noted the general prohibition of doing work on Shabbat?
4. What function did the "*yitdot hamishkan*" serve?
5. What function did the "*bigdei hasrad*" serve?
6. What was unusual about the way the women spun the goat's hair?
7. Why were the *Nesi'im* last to contribute to the building of the Mishkan? How does the Torah show dissatisfaction with their actions?
8. Who does the Torah identify as the primary builders of the Mishkan? From which tribes were they?
9. What time of day did the people bring their daily contributions for the construction of the Mishkan?
10. For what was the woven goat's hair used?
11. What image was woven into the *parochet*?
12. Why does the Torah attribute the building of the *aron* to Bezalel?
13. Where were the sculptured *cheruvim* located?
14. How many lamps did the *menorah* have?
15. Of what materials was the *mizbe'ach haketoret* composed?
16. Of what material was the *mizbe'ach ha'olah* composed?
17. The *kiyor* was made from copper mirrors. What function did these mirrors serve in Egypt?
18. How did the *kiyor* promote peace?
19. The *kiyor* was made from the mirrors of the women who were crowding at the entrance to the *Ohel Mo'ed*. Why were the women crowding there?
20. Of what material were the "*yitdot hamishkan*" constructed?

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PEKUDEI:

1. Why is the word Mishkan stated twice in verse 38:21?
2. Why is the Mishkan called the "Mishkan of Testimony"?
3. Who was appointed to carry the vessels of the Mishkan in the *midbar*?
4. Who was the officer in charge of the *levi'im*?
5. What is the meaning of the name Bezalel?
6. How many people contributed a half-shekel to the Mishkan? Who contributed?
7. Which material used in the *bigdei kehuna* was not used in the coverings of the sacred vessels?
8. How were the gold threads made?
9. What was inscribed on the stones on the shoulders of the *ephod*?
10. What was on the hem of the *me'il*?
11. What did the *Kohen Gadol* wear between the *mitznefet* and the *tzitz*?
12. What role did Moshe play in the construction of the Mishkan?
13. Which date was the first time that the Mishkan was erected and not dismantled?
14. What was the "tent" which Moshe spread over the Mishkan(40:19)?
15. What "*testimony*" did Moshe place in the *aron*?
16. What function did the *parochet* serve?
17. Where was the *shulchan* placed in the Mishkan?
18. Where was the *menorah* placed in the Mishkan?
19. Who offered the communal sacrifices during the eight days of the dedication of the Mishkan?
20. On which day did both Moshe and Aharon serve as *kohanim*?

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VAYAKHEL ANSWERS:



1. 35:1 - The day after *Yom Kippur*.
2. 35:2 - To emphasize that the building of the Mishkan doesn't supersede the laws of Shabbat.
3. 35:3 - There are two opinions: One opinion is to teach that igniting a fire on Shabbat is punishable by lashes as opposed to other "*melachot*" which are punishable by death. The other opinion is to teach that violation of numerous "*melachot*" at one time requires a separate atonement for each violation.
4. 35:18 - The edges of the curtains were fastened to them. These were inserted in the ground so the curtains would not move in the wind.
5. 35:19 - They covered the *aron*, the *shulchan*, the *menorah*, and the *mizbachot* when they were packed for transport.
6. 35:26 - It was spun directly from off the backs of the goats.
7. 35:27 - The *Nesi'im* reasoned that they would first let the people contribute materials needed for the Mishkan and then they would contribute what was lacking. The Torah shows its dissatisfaction by deleting a letter from their title.
8. 35:30, 35:34 - Bezalel ben Uri from the tribe of Yehuda; Oholiav ben Achisamach from the tribe of Dan.
9. 36:3 - Morning.
10. 36:14 - It was made into curtains to be draped over the Mishkan.
11. 36:35 - *Cherubim*. (See Rashi 26:31)
12. 37:1 - Because he dedicated himself to its building more than anyone else.
13. 37:7 - On the two extremities of the *kaporet* (cover of the *aron*).
14. 37:23 - Seven.
15. 37:25,26 - Wood overlaid with gold.
16. 38:1-2 - Wood overlaid with copper.
17. 38:8 - These mirrors aided in the proliferation of the Jewish People. The Jewish women in Egypt would look in the mirrors so as to awaken the affections of their husbands who were exhausted by their slave labor.
18. 38:8 - Its waters helped a woman accused of adultery to prove her innocence.
19. 38:8 - To donate to the Mishkan.
20. 38:20 - Copper.

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PEKUDEI ANSWERS:



1. 38:21 - To allude to the *Beit Hamikdash* that would twice be taken as a "*mashkon*" (pledge) for the sins of the Jewish People until the nation repents.
2. 38:21 - It was testimony for the Jewish People that G-d forgave them for the golden calf and allowed His *Shechina* to dwell among them.
3. 38:21 - The *levi'im*.
4. 38:21 - Itamar ben Aharon.
5. 38:22 - "In the shadow of G-d."
6. 38:26 - 603,550. Every man age twenty and over (except the *levi'im*).
7. 39:1 - Linen (See *Rashi 31:10*).
8. 39:3 - The gold was beaten into thin plates from which threads were cut. (See *Rashi 28:6*).
9. 39:6, 39:7 - The names of the tribes.
10. 39:24,25 - Woven pomegranates and golden bells.
11. 39:31 - *Tefillin*.
12. 39:33 - He stood it up.
13. 40:17 - *Rosh Chodesh Nissan* of the second year in the desert. For seven days before this, during the consecration of Aharon and his sons, Moshe erected and dismantled the Mishkan. (*Rashi 39:29*)
14. 40:19 - The curtain of goatskin.
15. 40:20 - The *Luchot Habrit*.
16. 40:21 - It served as a partition for the *aron*.
17. 40:22 - On the northern side of the *Ohel Mo'ed*, outside the *parochet*.
18. 40:24 - On the southern side of the *Ohel Mo'ed* opposite the *shulchan*.
19. 40:29 - Moshe.
20. 40:31 - On the eighth day of the consecration of the Mishkan.

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Dvar Torah:



In Perek Lamid Hay, Pasuk Aleph, it says, “And Moshe assembled the entire Bnei Yisroel community.” Rashi explains that this gathering took place the day after Yom Kippur. This is not the first time that we see something happening the day after Yom Kippur. Rashi writes as well that Yitro also came to visit Moshe the day after Yom Kippur. Why does the Torah specifically feel the need to mention that these two events happened on the same day?

The Mepenini Hatorah explains that at this specific gathering Moshe explained the instructions about donating to the construction of the Mishkan. Giving charity is a great Mitzvah and it was vital for the Mishkan to be build on such. It was very important though that all donations be given legally with no money disputes in place. Therefore, the same day that these donations were being instructed, Yitro came to sit with Moshe to help solve all money disputes and cases so everything would be given Leshem Shemaim.

Wishing everyone a restful, peaceful, and meaningful Shabbos!

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Torah Treat:



In this weeks Parsha, Betzalel, Ahaliav and their assistants create the 8 priestly garments. In honor of this we will be making shiny button cookies.

What you will need:

1. 2 large eggs (room-temperature)
2. 3/4 cup sugar
3. 1/2 cup canola oil
4. 1 tablespoon pure vanilla extract
5. 3 cups all-purpose flour (or 2 cups all-purpose flour and 1 cup white whole wheat flour)
6. 1 teaspoon baking powder
7. different color sprinkles
8. straw

Let's get started:

1. In a large bowl or electric stand mixer, whisk together the eggs, sugar, oil, and vanilla.
2. In a separate medium bowl, whisk together the flour(s) and baking powder.
3. Transfer the flour mixture to the egg mixture and stir with a sturdy spoon or the electric mixer until it is well-incorporated, no streaks of flour remain, and the dough begins to pull into a ball. (The dough will be thick, so if you are mixing it by hand, it is helpful to knead it a few times with clean hands after stirring in the flour.)
4. If the dough is very sticky, add more flour, 1 tablespoon at a time, mixing between each addition.
5. Divide the dough in half, shape each half into a disc, wrap in parchment or waxed paper, place in a freezer bag, and chill for at least 1 hour.
6. On a lightly floured surface, roll out a disc of dough to about 1/4 inch thick. Cut the dough into shapes with either cookie cutter or by hand. Carefully transfer the cookies to parchment- or silicone-lined cookie sheets, leaving about 1 inch between cookies.
7. Repeat with second half of dough.
8. Take a straw and make four little holes in the shape of a box to create a button effect
9. Fill the wholes with the different color sprinkles
10. Preheat the oven to 350 F.
11. Bake the cookies for 12 to 14 minutes, or until they are firm and the undersides are golden.
12. Transfer the cookies to a rack to cool completely.



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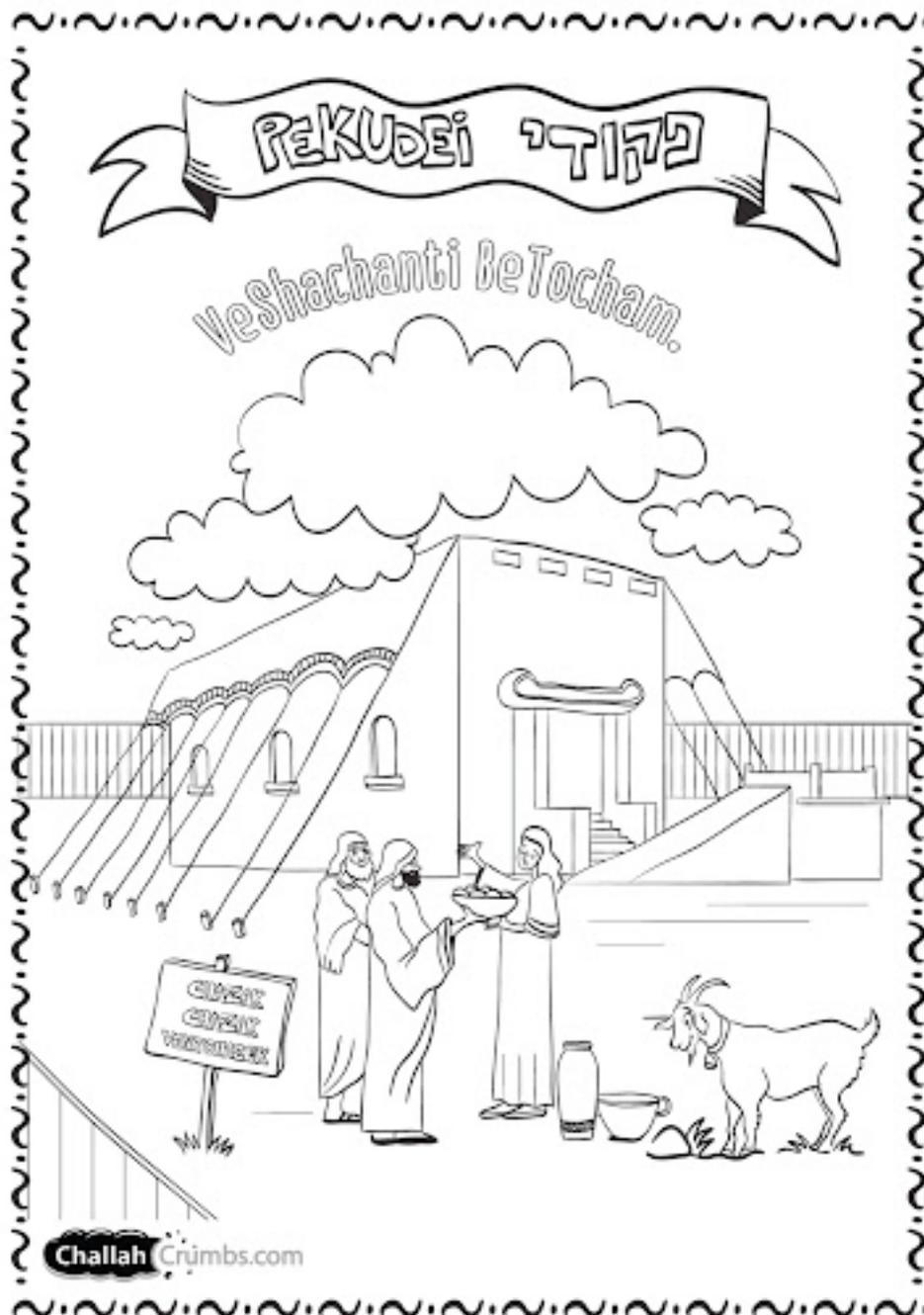


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